

DETECTION METHODS

Cross Reference to Related Applications

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August 1, 2003; the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in
their entirety.

Field of Invention

10 The present invention relates to single nucleotide polymorphisms in
nucleic acids involved in encoding enzymes in the testosterone biosynthetic
pathway and to methods for detecting such polymorphisms. The invention has
utility in the diagnosis, prognosis, prevention and treatment of disease,
particularly those relating to prostate cancer and breast cancer.

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Background of the Invention

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in males all over the
world. Currently, there are no means to predict how aggressive an individual's
cancer will be. Thus, many patients are given unnecessary drastic treatment with
20 severe side effects and possibly others do not receive treatment effective
enough.

Incidence of prostate cancer shows strong age dependence, being a
disease of old men, and strong race dependence, being almost twice as common
in African Americans as in Caucasians, while Asian populations have the lowest
25 risk (Cook et al. (1999) J Urol 161, 152-155; Hsing et al. (2000) Int J Cancer 85,
60-67). The third well-known risk factor is having a family history of prostate
cancer (Cerhan et al. (1999) Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 8, 53-60; Kalish
et al. (2000) Urology 56, 803-806), and several studies have supported the
presence of predisposing genetic factors.

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Genome wide linkage analyses have pointed multiple chromosomal
regions showing linkage in prostate cancer families and several prostate cancer
candidate loci have been suggested; HPC1 in 1q24 (Smith et al. (1996) Science
274, 1371-1374), HPCX in Xq27 (Xu et al. (1998) Nat Genet 20, 175-179), PCAP

in 1q42.2 (Berthon et al. (1998) Am J Hum Genet 62, 1416-1424), CABP in 1p36 (Gibbs et al. (1999) Am J Hum Gen 64, 776-787), and *HPC2/ELAC2* in 17p (Tavtigian et al. (2001) Nat Genet 27, 172-180). Recently, a candidate cancer-susceptibility gene, *RNASEL*, was cloned at the HPC1 loci (Carpenter et al. (2002) Nat Genet 30, 181-184) and two possibly deleterious germline mutations segregating in prostate cancer families were discovered.

The growth of prostate cells is dependent on active testosterone (Ekman (1995) J Urol 153, 22-25) and strikingly, prostate adenocarcinomas can be created by testosterone administration in rats (Gupta et al. (1999) Cancer Res 59, 2115-2120). Testosterone seems to be a strong tumour promoter for the rat prostate, even at doses that do not measurably increase circulating testosterone (Bosland et al. (1991) Princess Takamatsu Symp 22, 109-123). Consequently, genes involved in the testosterone biosynthetic pathway, e.g., *CYP17*, *CYP3A4*, and *SRD5A2* (Figure 1) are good candidates for being involved in the initiation and progression of prostate cancer. Several polymorphisms have been discovered in these genes and some of them show association either with increased risk or progression of prostate cancer (Table 1). Nevertheless, there is no evidence of higher testosterone levels in prostate cancer patients.

Approximately 55 different Cytochrome P450 genes are present in the human genome and are classified into different families and subfamilies on the basis of sequence homology. Members of the CYP3A subfamily catalyze the oxidative, peroxidative and reductive metabolism of different endobiotics, drugs, and protoxic or procarcinogenic molecules. As an example, CYP3A4 is responsible for the oxidative metabolism of an estimated 60% of all clinically used drugs. Up to 30-fold interindividual differences in expression has been detected, causing variation in oral bioavailability and systemic clearance of CYP3A substrates, such as HIV protease inhibitors, several calcium channel blockers and some cholesterol-lowering drugs. Variation in CYP3A expression is particularly important in substrates with narrow therapeutic indices, such as cancer chemotherapeutics and immunosuppressants. Variation in CYP3A expression can result in clinically significant differences in drug toxicities and response.

As with prostate cancer, breast cancer also shows age-dependency indicating a possible hormonal influence on the disease risk. Endogenous oestradiol synthesis takes place in the ovarian theca cells of pre-menopausal women, in the stromal adipose cells of the breast of post-menopausal women, 5 and in minor quantities in peripheral tissue. These cells, as well as breast cancer tissue, express all the necessary enzymes for this synthesis, including CYP17, and enzymes that further hydroxylate oestradiol, such as CYP3A4 (Kristensen et al. (2000) Mutat Res 462, 323-333). Thus, polymorphisms in these enzymes may also be associated with the risk of breast cancer (Kristensen et al. (2000) Mutat 10 Res 462, 323-333). Furthermore, CYP3A4 is also involved in the activation of many mammary carcinogens, such as the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and heterocyclic amines (Guengerich et al. (1991) Chem Res Toxicol. 4, 168-179). According to a recent study (Zheng et al. (2001) Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 10, 237-242), high CYP3A4 activity may be a risk factor for breast cancer 15 risk.

Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) are the most common type of genetic variation in the human genome, and are expected to be helpful in identifying human disease genes. In addition to occurring frequently, on average every 500-2,000 bp (Li & Sadler (1991) Genetics 129, 513-523; Chakravarti 20 (1998) Nat Genet 19, 216-217; Cargill et al. (1999) Nat Genet 22, 231-238; Halushka et al. (1999) Nat Genet 22, 239-247), SNPs have a low mutation rate when compared to microsatellite markers, both of which are characteristics that may have particular advantages for association analysis. The utility of SNPs is not only in their use as markers for discovering additional functional variants and 25 for the general evaluation of a specific gene in the context of a given clinical phenotype but also in their potential functional relevance. However, rather than finding a single SNP with drastic effect on the phenotype, more likely it will be multiple SNPs in relevant genes, either linked (i.e., grouped as a haplotype) or independent (perhaps on different chromosomes), that contribute to the 30 phenotype.

Recently, several studies have shown the utility of haplotypes, i.e., a combination of SNPs with alleles physically assigned to a chromosome, in association analysis (Daly et al. (2001) Nat Genet 29, 229-232). Studying

haplotypes might give the analysis more power but traditionally demands either samples from multiple generations or tedious molecular haplotyping. Alternatively, several algorithms have been developed for inferring haplotypes from genotype data (Clark (1990) Mol Biol Evol 7, 111-122; Excoffier & Slatkin 5 (1995) Mol Biol Evol 12, 921-927; Stephens et al. (2001) Am J Hum Genet 68, 978-989). These algorithms have been proven to work with a very low error rate (Drysdale et al. (2000) PNAS 97, 10483-10488). In a sense, haplotyping is equivalent to performing a study in a family or other select group of people. It helps to get back the power of linkage, and can be regarded as a crucial step in 10 association studies using random individuals.

WO02/055735 discloses specific nucleic acids useful for identifying, diagnosing, monitoring, staging, imaging and treating prostate cancer and breast cancer. Similar compositions comprising prostate specific nucleic acids are described by the same applicant (Diadexus Inc.) in related applications 15 (WO02/42776, WO02/42499, WO02/42463, WO02/42329, WO02/39431, WO02/239431, WO02/38810, WO02/38810, WO02/236808 and WO0224718).

Diadexus Inc. have also disclosed a method of diagnosing, monitoring, staging, imaging and treating prostate and breast cancer by means of specific nucleic acids, in a series of related applications (WO01/39798 & WO00/23111 & 20 WO00/23108).

WO01/53537 (DZ Genes Inc.) describes isolated polynucleotides containing at least one polymorphism useful for the diagnosis of disease, particularly prostate and breast cancer.

Single nucleotide polymorphisms associated with prostate cancer are 25 disclosed in WO01/83828, as are methods for using these SNPs to determine susceptibility to this disease.

In order to improve the lives of prostate and breast cancer patients it is essential to develop prognostic markers for cancer as well as markers allowing general assessment of disease risk. Patients need to be categorized into those 30 needing immediate, extensive treatment, and those who just need watchful waiting. As a result, prostate and breast cancer mortality could be reduced and unnecessary side effects caused by invasive treatments could be avoided. There is therefore a need for prognostic molecular markers for aggressive breast and

prostate cancer to aid predicting, diagnosing and monitoring these diseases in individuals. Furthermore, there is a continued need for improved methods of treatment of both conditions in patients. The present invention addresses these needs and provides improvements over the prior art in the form of novel and 5 specific nucleic acids, microarrays and kits useful for the diagnosis of breast and prostate cancer.

Summary of the Invention

According to the first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an 10 isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of a nucleotide sequence comprising one or more polymorphic sequences of SEQ ID NOS 1-34. Suitably, a fragment of the isolated polynucleotide comprises a polymorphic site in the polymorphic sequence.

In a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided an isolated 15 polynucleotide comprising a sequence complementary to one or more of the polymorphic sequences of SEQ ID NOS 1-34. Suitably, a fragment of the complementary nucleotide sequence comprises a polymorphic site in the polymorphic sequence.

Preferably, the polynucleotides of the first and second aspect comprise 20 DNA, RNA, cDNA, or mRNA

Preferably, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism of the isolated polynucleotide is at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop 25 codon] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_ IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position 30 [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15,

position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position 5 [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, and position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34.

15 More preferably, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism is selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 20 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, 25 [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of 30 SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1

+466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, and [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34.

5 Optionally, the polynucleotide is the complement of any of the isolated polynucleotides hereinbefore described.

In one aspect, the polynucleotide comprises part of the CYP17 gene, the
10 CYP3A4 gene or the SRD5A2 gene.

Preferably, the isolated polynucleotide further comprises a detectable label. More preferably, the detectable label is selected from the group consisting of fluorophore, radionuclide, peptide, enzyme, antibody and antigen. In a preferred embodiment, the fluorophore is a fluorescent compound selected from
15 the group consisting of Hoechst 33342, Cy2, Cy3, Cy5, CypHer, coumarin, FITC, DAPI, Alexa 633, DRAQ5 and Alexa 488.

In a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for diagnosing a genetic susceptibility for a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer in a subject, the method comprising analysing a
20 biological sample containing nucleic acid obtained from the subject to detect the presence or absence of one or more single nucleotide polymorphisms at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No.
25 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7 - 202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_ IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_ IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No.
30 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of

SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position 5 [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs 10 after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34, position [SRD5A2_IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, 15 position [SRD5A2_5' region -8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001] of SEQ ID No. 44, and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Suitably, the nucleic acid is DNA, RNA, cDNA or mRNA.

20 Preferably, the single nucleotide polymorphism is selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs 25 after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of 30 SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19,

[CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, 5 [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region - 10 2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the 15 stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Optionally, the single nucleotide polymorphism is selected from the complement of any of the single nucleotide polymorphisms described hereinbefore.

Suitably, the analysis is accomplished by sequencing, genotyping, 20 fragment analysis, hybridisation, restriction fragment analysis, oligonucleotide ligation or allele specific PCR. Preferably, the analysis is accomplished by hybridisation, the method comprising the steps of

- 25 i) contacting the nucleic acid with an oligonucleotide that hybridises to one or more isolated polynucleotide polymorphic sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS 1-36, 42-45 or its complement
- ii) determining whether the nucleic acid and the oligonucleotide hybridize;

whereby hybridisation of the nucleic acid to the oligonucleotide indicates the 30 presence of the polymorphic site in the nucleic acid.

In a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for diagnosing a genetic susceptibility for a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer in a subject, or predicting an individual's response to a

drug, the method comprising adding an antibody to a polypeptide present in a biological sample obtained from the subject which polypeptide is encoded by a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS 1-36 and SEQ ID NOS 42-45, or the complement thereof, and detecting specific binding of the antibody to the polypeptide.

In a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a kit comprising at least one isolated polynucleotide of at least 5 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-36 or 42-45, or the complement thereof, and containing at least one single nucleotide polymorphic site associated with a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer together with instructions for the use thereof for detecting the presence or the absence of said at least single nucleotide polymorphism in said nucleic acid.

In a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an oligonucleotide array comprising at least one oligonucleotide capable of hybridising to a first polynucleotide at a polymorphic site encompassed therein, wherein the first polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence comprising one or more polymorphic sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 1-36 and SEQ ID NOS: 42-45.

Suitably, the first polynucleotide comprises a fragment of any of the nucleotide sequences, the fragment comprising a polymorphic site in the polymorphic sequence.

Suitably, the first polynucleotide is a complementary nucleotide sequence comprising a sequence complementary to one or more polymorphic sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 1-36 and SEQ ID NOS: 42-45.

Suitably, the first polynucleotide comprises a fragment of said complementary sequence, the fragment comprising a polymorphic site in the polymorphic sequence.

Suitably, the position of the polymorphic site in the kit or the microarray as hereinbefore described is at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_ IVS2 -

132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 5 12, position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 - 473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of 10 SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ 15 ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position 20 [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34, position [SRD5A2_IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, position [SRD5A2_5' region - 8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001] of SEQ ID No. 44 and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of 25 SEQ ID No. 45.

Preferably, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism is selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 - 132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after 30

the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Optionally, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism is the complement of any of the single nucleotide polymorphisms as hereinbefore described.

Suitably, the oligonucleotide further comprises a detectable label.

25 Preferably, the label is selected from the group consisting of fluorophore, radionuclide, peptide, enzyme, antibody or antigen. More preferably, the fluorophore is a fluorescent compound selected from the group consisting of Hoechst 33342, Cy2, Cy3, Cy5, CypHer, coumarin, FITC, DAPI, Alexa 633 DRAQ5 and Alexa 488.

30 In a seventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of treatment or prophylaxis of a subject comprising the steps of

i) analysing a biological sample containing nucleic acid obtained from the subject to detect the presence or absence of at least one single

nucleotide polymorphism in SEQ ID NOS 1-36 or SEQ ID NOS 42-45, or the complement thereof, associated with a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer; and

- ii) treating the subject for the disease, condition or disorder if step i)
5 detects the presence of at least one single nucleotide polymorphism in SEQ ID NOS: 1-36 or SEQ ID NOS 42-45, or the complement thereof.

Treatment may take a variety of forms depending upon the nature of the cancer. Hormonal therapy is a widely used treatment for patients with metastatic 10 carcinoma of the prostate (Goethuys et al. (1997) Am J Clin Oncol. 20, 40-45). Such treatment may, for example, involve androgen deprivation by surgical (e.g. 15 orchietomy) or androgen suppressive agents such as estrogens, (e.g.diethylstilbestrol), antiandrogens (e.g. flutamide) and luteinising hormone-releasing hormone agonists (e.g. leuprolide). Radiotherapy using radionuclides, such as ³²Phosphorus or ⁸⁹Strontium, can be an effective treatment for the 20 disease. There is also growing interest in the development of vaccines (Slovin (2001) Hematol. Oncol. Clinic N. Am, 15, 477-496) or the use of gene therapeutic methods (Ferrer & Rodriguez (2001) Hematol Oncol Clinic of N. Am 15, 497-508) for the treatment of prostate cancer.

20 Suitably, the nucleic acid is selected from the group consisting of DNA, RNA and mRNA.

Preferably, the sample is analysed to detect the presence or absence of at 25 least one single nucleotide polymorphism at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region - 747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_ IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_ IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID 30 No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_ IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_ IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position

[CYP3A4_IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34, position [SRD5A2_IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, position [SRD5A2_5' region -8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001] of SEQ ID No. 44, and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 45.

More preferably, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism is selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17,

- [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24,
- 5 [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G]
- 10 of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Optionally, at least one single nucleotide polymorphism is the complement of any of the single nucleotide polymorphisms hereinbefore described.

Suitably, the method counteracts the effect of at least one single nucleotide polymorphism detected.

In a first embodiment of the seventh aspect, the method comprises treatment with a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of polymorphic sequences SEQ ID NOS 1-36 or SEQ ID NOS 42-45, or their complement, provided that the polymorphic sequence, or the complement, does not contain at least one single nucleotide polymorphism at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon,] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon,] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base

pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position

5 [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No.

10 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No.

15 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No.

20 34 position [SRD5A2_IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, position [SRD5A2_5' region -8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001]

25 of SEQ ID No. 44, and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Preferably, the polymorphic sequence does not contain at least one single nucleotide polymorphism selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13,

[CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Preferably, the polymorphic sequence does not contain at least one single nucleotide polymorphism which is the complement of any of the single nucleotide polymorphisms hereinbefore described.

In a second embodiment of the seventh aspect, the method comprises treatment with a polypeptide which is encoded by a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of polymorphic sequences SEQ ID NOS 1-36 and SEQ ID NOS 42-45 or their complement, provided that the polymorphic sequence, or the complement, does not contain at least one single nucleotide polymorphism at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2, position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ

ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position 5 [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position 10 [CYP17_IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs 15 after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34, position [SRD5A2_IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, 20 position [SRD5A2_5' region -8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001] of SEQ ID No. 44 and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Preferably, the polymorphic sequence does not contain at least one single 25 nucleotide polymorphism selected from the group consisting of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] 30 of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3

+1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, 5 [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of 10 SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, 15 [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

20 Suitably, the polymorphic sequence does not contain at least one single nucleotide which is the complement of any of the single nucleotide polymorphisms as hereinbefore described.

25 In a third embodiment of the seventh aspect, the method comprises treatment with an antibody that binds specifically with a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS 1-34, or SEQ ID NOS 42-45, or the complement thereof.

According to an eighth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a 30 method for predicting the genetic ability of a subject or an organism to metabolise a chemical, the method comprising analysing a biological sample containing nucleic acid obtained from the subject or organism to detect the presence or absence of one or more single nucleotide polymorphisms at a position selected from the group consisting of position [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187] of SEQ ID No. 1, position [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 2,

position [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 3, position [CYP3A4_5' region -747] of SEQ ID No. 4, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7 -202] of SEQ ID No. 5, position [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 6, position [CYP3A4_ IVS2 -132] of SEQ ID No. 7, position [CYP3A4_ IVS1 -868] of SEQ ID No. 8, position [CYP3A4_5' region -847] of SEQ ID No. 9, position [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 10, position [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 11, position [CYP3A4_ IVS3 +1992] of SEQ ID No. 12, position [CYP3A4_ IVS9 +841] of SEQ ID No. 13, position [CYP3A4_ IVS12 -473] of SEQ ID No. 14, position [CYP3A4_ IVS12 +581] of SEQ ID No. 15, position [CYP3A4_ IVS12 +586] of SEQ ID No. 16, position [CYP3A4_ IVS12 +646] of SEQ ID No. 17, position [CYP3A4_ IVS3 -734] of SEQ ID No. 18, position [CYP17_ IVS1 -271] of SEQ ID No. 19, position [CYP17_ IVS5 +75] of SEQ ID No. 20, position [CYP17_ IVS1 +426] of SEQ ID No. 21, position [CYP17_ IVS1 -99] of SEQ ID No. 22, position [CYP17_ IVS1 -700] of SEQ ID No. 23, position [CYP17_ IVS1 -565] of SEQ ID No. 24, position [CYP17_ IVS3 +141] of SEQ ID No. 25, position [CYP17_5' region -1488] of SEQ ID No. 26, position [CYP17_5' region -1204] of SEQ ID No. 27, position [CYP17_ IVS1 +466] of SEQ ID No. 28, position [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 29, position [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 30, position [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 31, position [SRD5A2_5' region -870] of SEQ ID No. 32, position [SRD5A2_5' region between -2036 and -2030] of SEQ ID No. 33, position [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR)] of SEQ ID No. 34, position [SRD5A2_ IVS2+626] of SEQ ID No. 35, position [SRD5A2_5' region -8029] of SEQ ID No. 36, position [CYP3A4_ IVS7+34] of SEQ ID No. 42, position [CYP3A4_5' region -1232] of SEQ ID No. 43, position [SRD5A2_5' region -3001] of SEQ ID No. 44, and position [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Wherein the presence of a polymorphism at one or more of the positions is indicative of the subject's or organism's ability or inability to metabolise the chemical.

Preferably, the analysis comprises detecting the presence or absence of one or more single nucleotide polymorphisms selected from the group consisting

of [CYP3A4_IVS9 +187C>G] of SEQ ID No. 1, [CYP3A4, 1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 2, [CYP3A4, 945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T] of SEQ ID No. 3, [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G] of SEQ ID No. 4, [CYP3A4_IVS7 -202C>T] of SEQ ID No. 5, [CYP3A4, 2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C] of SEQ ID No. 6, [CYP3A4_IVS2 -132C>T] of SEQ ID No. 7, [CYP3A4_IVS1 -868C>T] of SEQ ID No. 8, [CYP3A4_5' region -847A>T] of SEQ ID No. 9, [CYP3A4, 766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT] of SEQ ID No. 10, [CYP3A4, 1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T] of SEQ ID No. 11, [CYP3A4_IVS3 +1992T>C] of SEQ ID No. 12, [CYP3A4_IVS9 +841T>G] of SEQ ID No. 13, [CYP3A4_IVS12 -473T>G] of SEQ ID No. 14, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +581C>T] of SEQ ID No. 15, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +586G>A] of SEQ ID No. 16, [CYP3A4_IVS12 +646C>A] of SEQ ID No. 17, [CYP3A4_IVS3 -734G>A] of SEQ ID No. 18, [CYP17_IVS1 -271A>C] of SEQ ID No. 19, [CYP17_IVS5 +75C>G] of SEQ ID No. 20, [CYP17_IVS1 +426G>A] of SEQ ID No. 21, [CYP17_IVS1 -99C>T] of SEQ ID No. 22, [CYP17_IVS1 -700C>G] of SEQ ID No. 23, [CYP17_IVS1 -565G>A] of SEQ ID No. 24, [CYP17_IVS3 +141A>T] of SEQ ID No. 25, [CYP17_5' region -1488C>G] of SEQ ID No. 26, [CYP17_5' region -1204C>T] of SEQ ID No. 27, [CYP17_IVS1 +466G>A] of SEQ ID No. 28, [CYP17, 712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 29, [SRD5A2, 1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C] of SEQ ID No. 30, [SRD5A2, 849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G] of SEQ ID No. 31, [SRD5A2_5' region -870G>A] of SEQ ID No. 32, [SRD5A2_5' region -2036(A)7-8] of SEQ ID No. 33, [SRD5A2, 545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C] of SEQ ID No. 34, [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T] of SEQ ID No. 35, [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T] of SEQ ID No. 36, [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G] of SEQ ID No. 42, [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T] of SEQ ID No. 43, [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A] of SEQ ID No. 44, and [SRD5A2, 1552 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A] of SEQ ID No. 45.

Preferably, the method further comprises predicting the response of the subject or the organism to the chemical by their ability or inability to metabolise the chemical.

Suitably, the chemical is a drug or a xenobiotic.

Suitably, the organism is selected from the group consisting of bacterium, fungus, protozoa, alga, insect, nematode, amphibian, plant, fish and mammal.

In a ninth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a vector comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of a nucleotide sequence comprising one or more polymorphic sequences of SEQ ID NOS 1-34 or SEQ ID NOS 42-45.

In a tenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a host cell transformed with the vector hereinbefore described.

Preferably, the host cell is selected from the group consisting of, 10 bacterium, fungus, protozoa, alga, insect, nematode, amphibian, plant, fish and mammal. More preferably the mammalian cell is a human cell.

In an eleventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of metabolising a chemical using the host cell as hereinbefore described.

In a twelfth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for 15 making a host cell resistant to a chemical, the method comprising transforming a cell with any of the polynucleotides or with any of the vectors as hereinbefore described.

In a thirteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an isolated 20 haplotype selected from the group consisting of CYP3A4_Hap4 and SRD52_Hap3.

Preferably, the isolated CYP3A4_Hap4 haplotype consists of Allele T at [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T], Allele C at [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G], Allele G at [CYP3A4_5' region -392A>G], Allele G at [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G], Allele T at [CYP3A4_IVS7-202C>T], Allele G at [CYP3A4_stop+766T>G], Allele C at 25 [CYP3A4_stop+1454C>T], Allele T at [CYP3A4_stop+1639A>T] and Allele C at [CYP3A4_stop+2204G>C].

Preferably, the isolated SRD52_Hap3 haplotype consists of Allele C at [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T], Allele G at [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_145G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_265G>C], Allele T at 30 [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T], Allele G at [SRD5A2_stop+1552G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_stop+3059G>A] and Allele G at [SRD5A2_stop+9301G>C].

In a fourteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for diagnosing a genetic susceptibility for a disease, condition or disorder related

to prostate or breast cancer in a subject, the method comprising analysing a biological sample obtained from the subject to detect the presence or absence of a haplotype as hereinbefore described.

In a fifteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of diagnosing a genetic susceptibility for a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer in a subject, the method comprising adding an antibody to a polypeptide present in a sample obtained from the subject, which polypeptide is encoded by a haplotype as hereinbefore described, or the complement thereof, and detecting specific binding of the antibody to the polypeptide.

In a sixteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of treatment or prophylaxis of a subject comprising the steps of

- i) analysing a sample of biological material containing a nucleic acid obtained from the subject to detect the presence or absence of at least one haplotype as hereinbefore described, or the complement thereof, associated with a disease, condition or disorder related to prostate or breast cancer; and
- ii) treating the subject for the disease, condition or disorder if step i) detects the presence of at least one haplotype, or the complement thereof.

Preferably, the method comprises treatment with a portion of the isolated CYP3A4_Hap4 haplotype as hereinbefore described wherein the portion of the haplotype does not consist of at least one allele from the group consisting of Allele T at [CYP3A4_5' region -1232C>T], Allele C at [CYP3A4_5' region -747C>G], Allele G at [CYP3A4_5' region -392A>G], Allele G at [CYP3A4_IVS7+34T>G], Allele T at [CYP3A4_IVS7-202C>T], Allele G at [CYP3A4_stop+766T>G], Allele C at [CYP3A4_stop+1454C>T], Allele T at [CYP3A4_stop+1639A>T] and Allele C at [CYP3A4_stop+2204G>C].

Optionally, the method comprises treatment with a portion of the isolated SRD5A2_Hap3 haplotype as hereinbefore described wherein the portion of the haplotype does not comprise of at least one allele from the group consisting of Allele C at [SRD5A2_5' region -8029C>T], Allele G at [SRD5A2_5' region -3001G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_145G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_265G>C], Allele T at [SRD5A2_IVS2+626C>T], Allele G at

[SRD5A2_stop+1552G>A], Allele G at [SRD5A2_stop+3059G>A] and Allele G at [SRD5A2_stop+9301G>C].

Brief Description of the Figures

- 5 Figure 1 illustrates the Testosterone Biosynthetic Pathway. Figures 2A, 2B, and 2C show the location and allele frequencies of selected SNPs in *CYP17A1* (FIG. 2A), *CYP3A4* (FIG. 2B), and *SRD5A2* (FIG. 2C), together with the major haplotypes. Solid black triangles refer to the locations of novel SNPs while white triangles denote locations of known SNPs. All haplotypes
10 with frequency $\geq 3\%$ in at least one of the four sub-groups (European Americans(EA), African Americans(AA), cases, controls) are given, along with their case and control frequencies. Composite haplotype refers to all the remaining rare haplotypes pooled together.

15 **Detailed Description of the Invention**

Approach

- A two-phase study was undertaken of *CYP17*, *CYP3A4*, and *SRD5A2*, to evaluate the relationship between their genotypes/haplotypes and prostate cancer. Phase I of the study first searched for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in these genes by re-sequencing 24 individuals from Coriell Polymorphism Discovery Resource (Coriell Cell Repositories, Camden, NJ), approximately 100 men from prostate cancer case-control sibships, and by leveraging public databases. Eighty-seven SNPs were discovered and genotyped in 276 men from case-control sibships. Those SNPs exhibiting preliminary case-control allele frequency differences, or distinguishing (i.e., 'tagging') common
20 haplotypes across the genes, were identified for further study (24 SNPs total). In Phase II of the study, the 24 SNPs were genotyped in an additional 841 men from case-control sibships. Finally, associations between genotypes/haplotypes in *CYP17*, *CYP3A4*, and *SRD5A2* and prostate cancer were evaluated in the total
25 case-control sample of 1,117 brothers.

Subjects

A family-based association study population of 1,117 men (637 cases, 480 controls) was recruited between January 1998 and January 2001 from the major medical institutions in the greater Cleveland area and from the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. The study was approved by the collaborating institution's Review Boards, and informed consent was obtained from all participating men. Characteristics of the study population have been described (Casey et al. (2002) Nat Genet 32, 581-583).

Men diagnosed with histologically confirmed prostate cancer at age 73 or younger were invited to join the study if they had a living unaffected brother who was either older than the proband, or at most eight years younger than the age at diagnosis of the proband. This age restriction was selected in an attempt to increase the potential for genetic factors affecting disease, and to help make certain that the controls were not unaffected due simply to being of a younger age. To help confirm that the controls were not diseased, the prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels in their blood was tested. Individuals in the study with PSA levels above 4 ng/ml were retained as 'controls' unless a subsequent diagnosis of prostate cancer was made, at which time they were reclassified as cases. Keeping them in the study was important because automatically excluding men with elevated PSA levels regardless of their ultimate prostate cancer status can lead to biased estimates of association (Lubin & Hartge (1984) Am J Epidemiol 120, 791-793; Poole (1999) Am J Epidemiol 150, 547-551). Information on the cases' Gleason score (a measure of prostate cancer cellular differentiation) and tumor stage (TNM, tumor-node-metastasis stage) was determined from their medical records. The study population was comprised of 90% Caucasians (European Americans), and the remainder primarily African American (9%).

Polymorphism discovery

Polymorphisms were discovered by sequencing individuals from prostate cancer sibships (67 cases and 43 controls for CYP17 and CYP3A4, and 51 cases and 41 controls for SRD5A2). Of the 110 individuals sequenced for CYP17 and CYP3A4, 106 were Caucasian, 2 were Hispanic, and 2 were African-American. Of the 92 individuals sequenced for SRD5A2, 84 were Caucasian and 8 were

African American. In addition, the 24 individuals from the Coriell Cell Repository Polymorphism Discovery Resource (Collins et al. (1998) Genome Res 8, 1229-1231) were sequenced against the three genes.

PCR primers covering coding regions, splice sites, 5' and 3' regions, and parts of introns of *CYP3A4* (reference sequence No. 39), *CYP17* (reference sequence No. 40), and *SRD5A2* (reference sequence No. 41), were designed using the Primer3 program (<http://www.genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3.cgi>). PCR products were sequenced using energy transfer dye terminators on the Amersham Bioscience's MegaBACE1000 (Amersham Biosciences, Sunnyvale, California) using standard protocols. Sequence analysis was performed by assigning quality values (Phred; University of Washington, Seattle, Washington), assembling contigs (Phrap; University of Washington), automated identification of candidate heterozygote SNPs (PolyPhred, University of Washington), automated identification of candidate homozygote SNPs (High Quality Mismatch, Amersham Biosciences, Sunnyvale, California) and by operator confirmation (Consed, University of Washington). All polymorphisms were confirmed by Single Nucleotide Primer Extension (SNuPE) assay (Amersham Biosciences, Sunnyvale, California)

In addition to novel polymorphisms discovered in this study, several publicly available SNPs from the dbSNP (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/>), Utah Genome Center (UGC) (<http://www.genome.utah.edu/genesnps/genes/>), the Human Cytochrome P450 Allele Nomenclature Committee (HCANC) (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles/>), the Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD) (<http://archive.uwcm.ac.uk/uwcm/mg/hgmd0.html>) and the Human Genic Bi-Allelic SEquences (HGBASE) Release 8 (<http://hgbase.interactiva.de/>) were searched for *CYP17*, *CYP3A4*, and *SRD5A2*. For the *Androgen Receptor* gene, several publicly available SNPs from dbSNP, HGBASE and the Androgen Receptor Mutation Database (ARMD) (<http://ww2.mcgill.ca/androgendb/>) were included.

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Genotyping

In Phase I, 276 individuals from prostate cancer sibships were genotyped for 29 SNPs (11 novel, 18 known) in *CYP17*, 33 SNPs (18 novel, 15 known) in

CYP3A4, and 25 SNPs (5 novel, 20 known) in SRD5A2. The individuals included 153 cases and 123 brother controls, 70% European Americans and 30% African Americans. The information from the 276 men was then used to determine initial case-control frequency differences and haplotype tagging. The results were then 5 used to determine which SNPs should be genotyped in the remainder of the study population (i.e. in Phase II of the study).

In Phase II, a total of 24 SNPs were genotyped in 841 individuals, giving information on a total of 1117 individuals for Phase II.

Genotyping was performed utilizing the Single Nucleotide Primer 10 Extension (SNuPE) assay on the MegaBACE1000 (Amersham Biosciences, Sunnyvale California) capillary electrophoresis platform (Amersham Biosciences). The Primer3 program (<http://www.genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3.cgi>) was used to design PCR primers to amplify regions containing the SNPs of interest.. PCR fragments were purified with 0.5U of Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase 15 (Amersham Biosciences) and 10U of Exonuclease I (Amersham Biosciences) by incubating at 37°C for 40 min and at 85°C for 15 min. The single base extension (SBE) reaction was set with 1 pmol of HPLC purified SBE primer, 2-4 µl of SNuPe Premix (Amersham Biosciences), 2-4 µl of sterile water, and 1 µl of purified PCR fragment, and incubated at 25 cycles of 96°C for 10 sec, 50°C for 5 20 sec, and 60°C for 10 sec. For phase I of the study, SNuPe reactions were set in 96-well plates at 10 µl volume and purified with AutoSeq™96 Plates (Amersham Biosciences) prior to injecting into the MegaBACE1000 system. For phase II of the study, SNuPe reactions were set in 384-well plates at 5-6 µl volume, diluted with 3-4 µl of sterile water and purified with 1 U of Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase 25 (Amersham Biosciences) by incubating at 37°C for 45 min and at 85°C for 15 min prior to injecting into the MegaBACE4000 system. In cases where low signal was anticipated (due to faint PCR), SNuPe reactions were desalting using a custom 384-well filter plate incorporating modified size-exclusion technology (Millipore Corporation, Billerica, MA). The Sierra Genotyping LWS™ (Amersham 30 Biosciences) system was utilized for the tracking and management of samples and laboratory activity for Phase II of the study.

Specific software (SNPriDe) was developed for the automated design of SNuPE primers. Using a purified PCR fragment containing the SNP of interest as

a template, a third, internal primer was designed so that the 3' end anneals adjacent to the polymorphic base-pair, and during the SNuPE reaction a fluorescently labeled dideoxynucleotide (terminator) was added onto the primer. A separate software package has been developed (SNP ProfilerTM, Amersham Biociences) that automatically processes the signal data and outputs the maximum likelihood SNP genotypes. The system includes a user interface for editing and verification.

Three SNPs, SRD5A2_SNP20 (V89L), SRD5A2_SNP22 (A49T) and CYP17-_SNP29(-34>C) were analysed by restriction enzyme digestion (Cicek et al., unpublished data).

Proofreading genotype data

A large number of haplotypes inferred during initial rounds of haplotyping implied erroneous genotype data. A phylogenetic study of inferred haplotypes was performed to reveal the relationships between different haplotypes. All haplotypes differing from another haplotype by only one SNP, and being represented by only one individual, were subject to inspection. Genotype data for the individual at stake were reanalysed by SNP ProfilerTM (Amersham Biosciences) to exclude the possibility of an incorrect genotype. Rounds of phylogenetic study of haplotypes, followed by reanalysing suspicious genotypes and inferring new haplotypes were applied until no more incorrect genotypes could be found. Three to six rounds were applied for each of the genes.

Haplotyping

Alleles within each of the three candidate genes were in strong linkage disequilibrium with one another. Thus, for each gene, haplotypes were estimated using the resulting genotypes, by disease status and within major ethnic groups using the software PHASE. This program uses Markov chain Monte Carlo to estimate haplotypes, imputes information for missing genotypes, and incorporates a statistical model for the distribution of unresolved haplotypes based on coalescent theory (Stephens et al. (2001) Am J Hum Genet 68, 978-989).

Haplotypes and haplotype tagging SNPs were first determined among the 276 men genotyped for Phase I of the study, where tagging SNPs was necessary to define the most common haplotypes (e.g., >5%). After completing genotyping on the entire study population (Phase II of the study), the resulting data were 5 used to estimate haplotypes.

Association analysis

Case versus control allele frequencies were first compared within major ethnic groups. Then the association between the resulting genotypes/haplotypes 10 and prostate cancer risk was evaluated by calculating odds ratios (OR, estimates of relative risk) and 95% confidence intervals from conditional logistic regression with family as the matching variable, using a robust variance estimator that incorporates familial correlations. This is a standard approach for analyzing sibling matched case-control data, although sibling sets without any controls do 15 not contribute any information (197 cases total here) (Breslow and Day (1980) IARC Sci Publ 32, 335-338). In the analyses of CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2 a log-additive coding was used which treats the most common polymorphism (or 20 haplotype) as the null-risk referent group and assumes that the relative risk of carrying one polymorphism (or haplotype) is the square-root of the risk of carrying two. Since haplotypes were estimated for these three genes, the probabilities of observed haplotypes were used in the analyses (Schaid et al. (2002) Am J Hum Genet 70, 425-434).

To control for potential confounding, age was adjusted for in all regression models. In addition to looking at the main effects of each SNP or haplotype, the 25 analyses were also stratified by the case's disease aggressiveness, where high aggressiveness was defined by TNM stage \geq T2B or Gleason score \geq 7; and low aggressiveness by TNM stage $<$ T2B and Gleason score $<$ 7. All statistical analyses were undertaken with the S+ software (version 6.0, Insightful Corp, 2001).

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Polymorphism discovery (Phase I)

A total of 34 novel SNPs were detected: 11 in CYP17, 18 in CYP3A4, and 5 in SRD5A2 (Table 2). In addition, 11 SNPs were "rediscovered" from the public

databases. Including these 11 SNPs, 53 SNPs were selected in total from the databases: 18 in CYP17, 15 in CYP3A4, and 20 in SRD5A2. These were chosen based on the intention to obtain an even distribution of SNPs across the genes and the availability in the databases at that time (January-April 2001). Twenty-
5 one SNPs were chosen from dbSNP, 27 from GeneSNPs, 12 from HGMD, 8 from HGVbase, and 2 from HCANC (the total number of SNPs listed here exceeds 53 as several SNPs were present in multiple databases). Table 3 lists all 87 SNPs (34 novel, 53 from databases), with their origins, exact locations and allele frequencies.

10 Among the 34 novel SNPs, 26 (76%) were discovered in both the Coriell and case-control populations. Three SNPs were only observed in the Coriell data, and the remaining five were found only in the prostate cancer sibships. Of these five, three were relatively rare (allele frequencies 0.2-1.5%), suggesting that they may not have been discovered in the Coriell population simply due to its small
15 sample size (n=24). Nevertheless, the other two SNPs that were only found in the prostate cancer sibships (CYP3A4_SNP12 and CYP17_SNP42) showed higher allele frequencies (7.5% and 21.8%, respectively), suggesting that they might be specific to the prostate cancer case-control population.

20 **Genotyping and Haplotyping**

Phase I

The 87 SNPs were genotyped in a total of 276 males from prostate cancer sibships (29 in CYP17, 33 in CYP3A4, and 25 in SRD5A2). Eleven SNPs gave ambiguous genotyping results. This might have been due to unoptimized
25 genotyping reactions or primer self-priming due to secondary structures and unspecificity of PCR and/or SNuPe primers, especially within the Cytochrome P450 gene family. Of the remaining 76 SNPs, a similar percentage of those novel (41%, or 12/29) and known (38%, or 18/47) had allele frequencies $\geq 10\%$. However, 19/47 (40%) of the known SNPs were found to be monoallelic in the
30 276 men, suggesting that they are either extremely rare, population specific, or artifacts.

In light of these results, the 11 SNPs with ambiguous genotype results, the 19 SNPs that appeared monoallelic in all samples tested, and an additional four

that were seen only in the Coriell Diversity Set but not in the prostate cancer sibships were excluded. Also excluded was one SNP because >15% of data was missing (due to a low success rate for PCR and SNuPe reaction). Finally, 12 SNPs were excluded because their minor allele frequencies were less than 5% in 5 all of the following four subgroups: European Americans, African Americans, cases, and controls (Table 3). Following these exclusions, a total of 40 SNPs remained for consideration in the Phase II association study (14 in CYP17, 16 in CYP3A4, and 10 in SRD5A2) (Table 3).

Using the preliminary genotype information, haplotypes estimated with a 10 frequency ≥5% in at least one of the four major subgroups (i.e., European American, African American, cases, or controls) were identified. Each gene had a single "common" haplotype, with a frequency ranging between 42 and 51 percent (not shown). Haplotype tagging SNPs were identified and used as a basis for inclusion in Phase II of the study. In addition, non-tagging SNPs exhibiting 15 suggestive case versus control allele frequencies were considered (Table 3). Altogether 24 SNPs were selected for Phase II.

Phase II

The 24 tagging and suggestive SNPs were genotyped in an additional 841 20 men, giving information on a total of 1117 individuals for Phase II. Case versus control allele frequency differences by ethnic group are presented in Table 3. Haplotypes estimated with a frequency ≥3% in at least one of the four major 25 subgroups of the study population were identified. The major haplotypes for CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2 along with their frequencies are presented in Figure 2.

Association analyses

In the association analyses, no associations between CYP17 30 genotypes/haplotypes and prostate cancer were detected. When looking at CYP3A4, SNP1 was found to be associated with an approximately 50% reduction in risk (OR=0.53, 95% CI=0.29-0.99; p-value=0.05) (Table 4A). Furthermore, the haplotype analysis revealed an association with an approximately 55% decrease in prostate cancer risk and CYP3A4_Hap4 (OR=0.46, 95% CI=0.21-1.02; p-

value=0.05) (Table 5A). Two SNPs in SRD5A2 were also found to be associated with an approximately 50% increase in prostate cancer risk: SRD5A2_SNP26 (OR=1.57, 95% CI=1.08-2.30; p-value=0.02), and SRD5A2_SNP20 (V89L) (OR=1.56, 95% CI=1.08-2.25; p-value=0.02) (Table 4A). These SNPs, however, 5 were in almost complete linkage disequilibrium.

When the study population was stratified by high and low aggressiveness of prostate cancer, several interesting associations emerged (see Table 4B and 5B). First, five SNPs in CYP3A4 showed statistically significant associations with low aggressiveness: CYP3A4_SNP11 (CYP3A4*1B) (OR=0.20, 95% CI=0.06-10 0.67; p-value=0.009), CYP3A4_SNP47 (OR=0.19, 95% CI=0.06-0.62; p-value=0.006), CYP3A4_SNP1 (OR=0.21, 95% CI=0.05-0.86; p-value=0.03), CYP3A4_SNP25 (OR=6.54, 95% CI=0.99-43.10; p-value=0.05) and CYP3A4_SNP15 (OR=0.41, 95% CI=0.22-0.79; p-value=0.007). Second, an association was observed between CYP3A4_Hap4 and low aggressiveness 15 (OR=0.06, 95% CI=0.008-0.50; p-value=0.009) (Table 5B). Finally, an inverse association was observed between SRD5A2_Hap3 and high aggressiveness (OR=0.52, 95% CI=0.29-0.91; p-value=0.02) (Table 5B).

Table 6 provides annotation of CYP3A4, CYP17 and SRD5A2 genomic sequences.

20 All of the SNPs disclosed in the present invention have utility in the prognosis and diagnosis of prostate and breast cancer.

Although this invention has been described in terms of certain preferred embodiments, other embodiments which will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in view of the disclosure herein are also within the scope of this 25 invention. Accordingly, the scope of the invention is intended to be defined only by reference to the appended claims. All documents cited herein are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Table 1. Known polymorphisms in CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2 associated with increased risk for prostate cancer or increased risk for progression of prostate cancer.

Gene	Polymorphism	Association with	References
CYP17	-34 bp T→C	increased risk	Lunn et al. (1999) <i>Carcinogenetics</i> 20, 1727-1731 Wadelius et al. (1999) <i>Pharmacogenetics</i> 9, 635-639 Gsuri et al. (2000) <i>International Journal of Cancer</i> 87, 434-437 Habuchi et al. (2000) <i>Cancer Res</i> 60, 5710-5713 Kittles et al. (2001) <i>Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev</i> 10, 943-947
CYP3A4	-392 bp A→G	increased risk, progression	Rebbeck et al. (1998) <i>J Nat Cancer Inst</i> 90, 1225-1229 Paris et al. (1999) <i>Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev</i> 8, 901-905
SRD5A2	145G>A (A49T)	increased risk, progression	Makridakis et al. (1999) <i>Lancet</i> 354, 975-978 Jaffe et al. (2000) <i>Cancer Res</i> 60, 1626-1630
SRD5A2	265G>C (V89L)	increased risk, progression	Nam et al. (2001) <i>Urology</i> 57, 199-204

Table 2(a) : Novel SNPs				
SNP identified in Seq ID Number	Novel SNPs	Location	Comment	Sequence
1	CYP3A4_SNP2	Intron 9 [IVS9 +187C>G]		ATGAGAATTCTGCCACATAGCGAACGACACATGTT TGAATGTTATAAGGGTAGTGGGGACCTTCTAGA GGCATGCAGGCAATAGATAGGCCATGTT(C/G)TAAGAGT AAAGGGCAACCCTAAGCAAACCTGGCATGCTAGAAA GTCAGTCTGGGTCTGGATCACCTACATCAGATCA AATGCCAATTGTCAGGCTCC
2	CYP3A4_SNP5	1639 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T	Possible association (OR 0.51, 95% CI 0.26-0.99, p=0.05) with prostate cancer in the European American population	TGATAGAAGGCCAGGCTTCTCACCTTGCGAGAAGGGAA GTCA TGATTAGGAGAAACTAGCATGAAATC CTATGAAATTAGATTGGAAATGGATGTA(A/T)CCGTGTA TATTCA TACCC TTGATAGATAGATGGGTAGATAG ATGATAGATAGGTAACAGATAGATGACAGATAATGAG ATAGATAGATGTAATGTA
3	CYP3A4_SNP6	945 base pairs after the stop codon, A>T		GGCAGGGAGAATCACTTGAACCTGGGGGGATGTT GAAGTGAGCTGAGATTGCACCACTGCACTCCAGCT GGGTGAGGTGAGACTCAGTCCTAAAAA(A/T)ATATGC CTTTTGAAAGCAGTACATTGTAAACAAAGAACGTGAA GCTCTTATTATTATTAGTTTGTATTAATGTTTCAG CCCATCTCCCTTCATAT
4	CYP3A4_SNP12	5' region [-747C>G]	Possible association (OR 12.067, 95% CI 1.491-97.692, p=0.020) with increased risk of prostate cancer	AAGTCACCCAGAAAGTCAGAAGGGATGACATGCGAG GCCAGCAATCTCAGCTAAGTCACACTCCACCGCCT TCTAGTTGCCCACTGTGTGTACAGCAC(G)CTGTA GGGACCCAGGCCATGACAGGGAAATAAGACTAGACTA TGCCCCTGAGGAGCTCACCTCTGTTCAAGGGAAACAG GCGTGGAAACACAAATGGTGTGA
5	CYP3A4_SNP13	Intron 7 [IVS7 -202C>T]		CTGAGTCCAAATGATAAAAGGCAAAAGGATTAGGGCA TTGAATTGGTCCCTTTATCCTTCAAAAGATGCACAA GGGGCTGCTGATCTCACTGCTGTAG(C/T)GGTGTCC TTATGCAATAGACCTGCCCTGGCTCAGCCACTGGCCTG AAAGAGGGGGCAAAAGTCATAGAAGGAATGGCTCCA

6	CYP3A4_SNP15	2204 base pairs after the stop codon, G>C	Possible association (OR 0.41, 95% CI 0.22-0.79, p=0.007) with prostate cancer	<pre> GTTGAGAACCTTGTATGTCT GAACATTGGAAACTGTATAACACATTCACTAAAGTTG CAGGATACAAAAATCAGCATACAAAAATCAGTAGCATT TCTATATGCCAATAGTGAAACAATCTG(GTC)CAAATAA AAAAAGTAATCCCAATTACAAATAGGCCACAAATAAAACT AAATACTAGAAATTAACCTTAATCAAAAGAGAAAG GTCTCTACAATGAATAC ATAAGTCATTCACTTCACAAACACTGGAGAGAATT CAAGAGTGATTAAATTTCCTTTCAAAATACCTCTCT CTGTTTCTCTTATTTCCTTATG(ACT)GTCCTCAAAT AAGCTTCTCTAACTGCCAGCAAGTCTGATTTCATGG GCTTCGACTGTTTCATCCCAATTAGGGCAGGGTTA AGTACATTAATAAAATAA </pre>
7	CYP3A4_SNP19	Intron 2 [IVS2 -132C>T]		
8	CYP3A4_SNP21	Intron 1 [IVS1 -868C>T]		
9	CYP3A4_SNP22	5' region [-847A>T]		
10	CYP3A4_SNP24	766 base pairs after the stop codon, delT		
11	CYP3A4_SNP25	1454 base pairs after the stop codon, C>T	Possible association (OR 6.54, 95% CI 0.99-43.10, p=0.05) with prostate cancer	<pre> TGGGTGGGAGTCCAAGCAAGCAGAGAAGGGGTC GACGCAGAGGGGGCTGGCTAAAGAGCAGCCAGAGC CTAAATAGGGTATGGAGAACCCACATGAGG(C/T)GAG GAGGGCATCCATGAGTGGGGGGTTGGGTGAGGT TTGGCTACATAAAGGGGATTGATCAAAATAAGTAATG TATTAAGGGATGATAGAACCCAGGGCT </pre>
12	CYP3A4_SNP26	Inton 3 [IVS3 +1992T>C]		<pre> TTGCATTCTCTAAATGACCAAGTGTATGATGAGCATT TCACATGTCCTGTTGGCTGCAATAGATGCTCTTTGAT GAAGTGTCTGTTGATATCCTTGGCC(T/C)ATTGTTGAT </pre>

			GGGGTTGTTGGCTTTTCTTGTAAATTGTTAAGT TCTTGTAGATTCTGGATGTAGCCCTCGTCAGATG GATAGATTGCCAAA
13	CYP3A4_SNP27	Intron 9 [IVS9 +841T>G]	TAACATTGGTTCTAGAGCAGGACTGGCTTA CAGCATACTGCTTAAATAATCCATGTCATCCAC TTTGTCTGTATGCTATGTA(TG)CTATGATCT ATCTAGCTATGTA(TCTATCTATCTATCATCT ATCTATCTATCATCTATCCATCTATCATCTATCAT TTATCCGATCTAT
14	CYP3A4_SNP28	Intron 12 [IVS12 - 473T>G]	CTTCCCCATCTTCACTGGATGGGTTCAATTGGGAGG ATTACTGGACTGTGGAAAGTTGAAGACTGTCCATATA ATTAATGTCACATAACTACCCAGG(TG)TTACCTTG CAAGTTCAACATACACAAATTAACTTATGACTC TTCAAAAACAGTTGCCATCATACCTATAATCTGGTT TAAATTAAAAACTC
15	CYP3A4_SNP29	Intron 12 [IVS12 +586G>T]	TGCCCCAGAGTGTGGCTTTAAAGCTTCCCCATTGCTT CTCATGTGAAGCCAAGGTGAGAAATGACTAAATTAA GCATTCTGGTGGATAATAAGGACTA(C/T)CACAGTCC AAGGCCATCCTGACTGACCTCACCTTCCAGGTGCCCTA GCTCCCATCCAGCTGGCTCTCTTTCAACCCAAATTATA ACTCTATTAATGTTGTT
16	CYP3A4_SNP30	Intron 12 [IVS12 +586G>A]	AGAGTGTGGCTTTAAAGCTTCCCCATTGCTTCTCAT GTGAAGGCCAAGGTGAGAAATGACTAAATTAA TCTGGTGGATAAAAGGACTACCCACAG(G/A)TCCAAAGG CCATCCCTGACTGACCTCACCTCCAGGTGCCCTAGCTC CATCCAGCTGGGCTCTTTCAACCCAAATTATAACTC TATTAATGTTGTTCCAGC
17	CYP3A4_SNP31	Intron 12 [IVS12 +646C>A]	TAATTAAAGGCATTCTGGGGATAAAAGGACTAAC ACAGTCAGGCCATCCTGACTGACCTCACCTTCCAG GTGCCCTAGCTCCATCCAGCTGGCTC(C/A)TTTCAA CCCAATTATAACTCTTAAATGTTGTTCCAGCAGG CATGGGGCTCATGGCTGTAAATCCAGCACTTGGGA GGCCGAAGCAGGGGATCA
18	CYP3A4_SNP32	Intron 3 [IVS3 -734G>A]	CTAATTGGATTGCACTGTTGCTGAGAGACAGTTGT TATGATTCTGTTCTTAAATTGCTAGGGAGTGCCT TACTTCCAAATTGTTGTCATAATT(G/A)GAATAAGTG CGATGGTGGCTGAGAAAGATGTATATTCTGTGATT TGGGGGGAGGTTCTGTAGATGTCTATTAGGTCG CTGGGTGCAAGGGCTGAGT

19	CYP17_SNP1	Intron 1 [IVS1 -271A>C]		GGACAGGGCATAGTTAGAGAGTTATCCCATTCCAGAG TTGCCCTCTGTGGTCAGAAACTGATGAGCAAAAGAA GCCCAAGGGGCACCCCTGTAGCGAA(A/C)AGAACCC CAATGCTGCTGATTCTAATTAAAGGGTTCTTCTTCTTCT CCTTGATCTACTGTATTCTGAAGGAATTGGAGTAG GAGGCCCTAGGGCTGTC
20	CYP17_SNP3	Intron 5 [IVS5 +75C>G]		TGGCCTTCCTGCTGCACAAATCCTCAGGGTGTGCTCCCC CCTCATTTGATCCTAGACCCCAGCCCAATCTCTG GGCTCCAGAGAAAGGGAGAGCCAAATT(C/G)CTCAGG CTTTCTGTGAGGAAAGACTAGGGCCTGCTCTGCTCTT ACCCAAGGAGTAGTTGGCTTGAACCCAGAGTAGAG CTGCCCCATCTTCTGGAAGC
21	CYP17_SNP4	Intron 1 [IVS1 +426G>A]		CAGCACCTAGCCTAGCACCCAGCACAGTAAGTGC CTTATACAGCCAGGATTCTATGTTACTTTCTATGGAAA TGGGGCAGTGACTACTGTCCCTCAT(G/A)AAAGCTG CTGGGGAGAAATTAGCCTAGCTATTGAGGCTGGGAT TGCTGCTTCCCTGGCTTATTTCCAGCTACTCAGGCT CACAGGGGCAGTTTCTACA
22	CYP17_SNP6	Intron 1 [IVS1 -99C>T]	Possible association (OR 2.130, 95% CI 1.141-3.977, p=0.018) with increased risk of prostate cancer	ATTGGGGAGTAGGGAGGCCTAGGGTCTGTCCTACCAA GTCCCTTCCAGTCATGGGGAGGTGGCAGTGGGGCTGTG CCCCATGGGAGTCAGCATGCCAGGTAC(C/T)TGCTCT TCTCCCTCCAGGAAGGAAAGCAGGGACCAGGGAGGTGA AGGGCAAGAGTGGGGTGGATGGTGGATTCTCTAC AGCCTTGCCTGCTCTAAAGGC
23	CYP17_SNP8	Intron 1 [IVS1 -700C>G]		GCCACTGTGCCCTGCCAGCCTCTCAGCTTGTACCAA GCCAAGGGGGTTTATTTTCTTGTGACCAATCAGC CAGGTCTGCTGACCAACTACCTAGCTC(C/G)CACCTC TGCTGGCTTCCCTGGTAGACAAAACATTCGCACTCTCA GGCTAGTCATGTGGATCTTCAGGGTCAGGAAATGGAA AAAGGGGGCTTGGACCCCTT
24	CYP17_SNP11	Intron 1 [IVS1 -565G>A]		ATGGAGGAAGGCTAGTCATGGGATCTCAGGGTCAG GAAATGGAAAAAGGGAGGCTTTGGACCCCTTTGCTTTG GGGGCACCTCTAGGGAGGGAGCTC(G/A)GCCCA AGTCCAGACTGGGTAGACAAAACATTCGCACTCTCA AATGTGGGCTTGTGGTATGAGGCTGGCTTGC GGAGGGTAAACCTGAGTGAGG
25	CYP17_SNP12	Intron 3 [IVS3 +141A>T]		CTGACATTGTCCCCAATCTTCCCTCCCTGCTTACTTCCC TGCTCCAGGCCCAATGACCCATCTTCTGCTTGC CTCCGCCACCTCTACCTCCCTGCC(AT)CTTAAAC TTTGCCATTCTGCAAGATAATTAGCCTTTAA

26	CYP17_SNP18	5' region [-1488C>G]	TTATGCCACCTTAGTACTCCAGATAATGCCCTTCATTCTTTCCAATTACCAT ATTTAGGGAAACAAGGGAAAAACAAACCAAGGTCTGACTGCCCTGCAGGGTGGGCAATTTT CCTTCTTGAGAGGGCTATAAATGGAC(G)ATGCCAGTAGGAAGATACTAAATTCTTTCTAGCAAGGA GTATTATTAAATACCCCTGGGAAAGGAATGCCATTCCCTGGGAGGTCTATAAACAGGGGAGGTCTATAAACAG
27	CYP17_SNP19	5' region [-1204C>T]	TAGGGTGGGGAAAAAAACTCCGCCCTGGTAATTGTTGTCAGAACCTGTTTGCTG GTCAGAACCGGGTTCTCTGCTGTTTATCAAGACAGTA(C)GTGCACC TGTTTAAGGTGTTTATCAAGACAGTA(C)GTGCACC GCTGAACATAGACCCCTCATCTGTAGTTCTGCTTATCAGTG CCTTGGCTTGTGATCTTGGACCCCTTATCAGTG GTTCTGCTTGGCCCTTG
28	CYP17_SNP20	Intron 1 [IVS1 +466G>A]	TACAGCCAGGATTCACTGTTACCTTTCATGGAAAATGG GGGCAGTGACTACTGTCCTCCATAAAAGCTGCTGGG GAGAATTAGCCTAGCTATTGCAAGGGCT(G/A)GATTGC TGCTTTCTGGCTATTTCAGCTACTCAGGCTCAC AGGGCAGTTTCTACAATGACATTTCAGGGTTGCTG ATGAGGCTCCCACCTGAGGAG CTGGAGGATTTTAAGTATGTAAGTGGAAACAATCTGTT TTTTGGTTTTGGTTTGGAGGGAGTTTGGCT TTGGTGCCTGGCTGGAGTGCAATG(G/A)CATGATCT TGCTCACTGCAACCCCTGCCCTCTGAGTTCAAGTGA TTCTCCCTGCCTCAGCTCCAAAATAGCTGGGATGCA GGCGTGTGCCACCATGCC
29	CYP17_SNP42	712 base pairs after the stop codon, G>A	TCTTGTGAAGGGGGTCACCCCAGCATGAGTGCCTGAGA TATGGACTCTCT(A/C)GGAAAGGGGCCGAACGCTTGT AATTGGAAATACATGGAAATATTGTCTCTAGGGCTA TGTTTGGGAAATGCAATTAGCAAAACTGTT TTGA
30	SRD5A2_SNP2	1356 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>C	CGAGAACAGTTTACAATTAGACATTGCAAACCTCTCAT GTTTTGGAAACT(A/G)GTGCCAATATCCAATAATGA GTAGTGTTAAACAAAGAGAAATTATGATGAGGTAC TGCTGCTTGGCTCCACCAAGATGTCCACAAACAATATGA AGTAC
31	SRD5A2_SNP4	849 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), A>G	GTC TGC GTG TATGACAGGGCTAGACAGGGTCAAGAGA ACAGGGGGTGCAGGGCACCACCTGATGGGCCA CGGCTCATGGCTCTAGGGCTGGGAAAG(G/A)GGCAT CCCAAGGAAAGGCCCTAGACTTAGCTGAGTCTG
32	SRD5A2_SNP30	5' region [-870G>A]	

			GGCCACTCTAGGGGACCGGGAGTGGGGGGGG GAGGAAGGCAGAATCTGACCTCT AGCTAAATTGTTATAATAGTGAGAAAAGATCATGAGG ACAAAAAAGTGGCAGAGTCGGAAAGAAAGAGAGGGAA GAAATTGAGACAGAAAGACATTTCATT[A ₇ /A ₈]TATTCCA TTGAGCTGGGTTGAAATAGTGCACTGCTGTCTCC TAATGCTGTATGGTGTATGAAATCTATTGTTACTGA GTCTATGAGCC AACTCTGAAGGCCACAAGAACCCAGTCATGGCTTTTCTT CCCCAAATGAAAACCCCAGTCATGGCTTTTCTT GGTTAAATTAGGAAAGATGAGAAATTAT(T/C)AGGTAGA CCTTGAATACAGGAGGCCCTCCTCATAGTGCTGAAA AGATACTGATGCAATTGACCTCATTCAAATTGTCAG TGTCATTAGTTGATGAGTG
33	SRD5A2_SNP31	5' Region [-2036(A)7-8]	
34	SRD5A2_SNP32	545 base pairs after the stop codon (3' UTR), T>C	

Table 2(b) : Public SNPs

SNP	Public SNPs	Location	Comment
Present in Seq ID Number			
35	SRD5A2_SNP12 (NCBI ss#543530; rs#413836)	Intron 2 [IVS2 +626C>T]	Possible association (OR 3.006, 95% CI 1.231-7.343, p=0.016) with increased risk for progression of prostate cancer
36	SRD5A2_SNP17 (NCBI ss#1037918; rs#545303)	5' region [-8029C>T]	Possible association (OR 0.308, 95% CI 0.126-0.750, p=0.010) with increased risk for progression of prostate cancer
42	CYP3A4_SNP1 (NCBI)	Intron 7 [IVS7 +34T>G]	Possible association (OR 0.21, 95% CI

	ss#6903779 ; rs#2687116 ;		0.05-0.86, p=0.03) with prostate cancer	ACTACTATTTCCCTTATTATCCTT(T/G)CTCTCTTAAA ATAACTGCTTTATGAGATATAAATCACCATGTAATT ATCCACCTAAATACAGTCAGTGATTGTAGTACA TTTGAAGATATGT
43	CYP3A4_SNP47 (NCBI ss#2723639 ; rs#1851426)	5' region [-1232C>T]	Possible association (OR 0.19, 95% CI 0.06-0.62, p=0.006) with prostate cancer	TTGGGTGTGGGGGGTGTGTCGGGTTTTAAAAA CGCCGCACGGCTTGTGAACCTCAATTCCACCCCCAAGA GGCTGGGACCACATTTA(C/T)GGAGTCTTGATGCTG TGTGACCTGCAGTGACCACTGCCCATCATTGCTGG CTGAGGGGGTTGGGTCCCATCTGGCATCTGGCAG CTGTTCTCTTC
44	SRD5A2_SNP26 (NCBI ss#1037925 ; rs#676033)	5' region [-3001G>A]	Possible association (OR 1.57, 95% CI 1.08-2.30, p=0.02) with prostate cancer	ACTATTCTCCCTGCCTAATCAGGCCAGGGTCCAGGTAAC AGAAAAGTAAAGACAGGCCGGCTGTACCCCAGGCCTG CTAAAAGTATTCAAACGAGGCTAATCCTAAGGCCGCTGATTA CCTTGTCTATGCCCACTCTTCTGCAGAAACTACAGT AA AGGCCTCTGCCAACCTTGACCCCTCACTCC (G/A) GCTGCCTCCTAAACACTGGTCTCTCATGTGGCTT GGGTGGGTGTGCTGTCTCTGTTGGGATCTGT CGATAATAAACCTTTTC CTTCACCGATA
45	SRD5A2_SNP1 (NCBI ss# 4403959; rs# 1042578)	1552 bp after the stop codon, G>A	Possible association (OR 0.52, 05% CI 0.27-1.00, p=0.05) in the European American population	GGTACTAAGCACAGAAACTCACTATAAGTCACATA GGAAAACCTGGAAAGGGCTGAGGGATGATGTAGATTACTG AAAAAT(G/A)CAAATTGCAATCATATAAATAAAGTGT TGTGTTCTATTAATACCTTAAATCATGGATGTAAAGC AGTTTGTGATA

SNP was discovered in the Coriell Diversity Set and was not present in the 276 individuals from prostate cancer sibships (still obviously a real SNP since it's seen in the Diversity Set)

@ ambiguous genotyping results; SNP was excluded from all further analyses. However, most likely real SNPs

The numbering system for the location of SNPs is according to the common mutation nomenclature (den Dunnen and Antonarakis (2000) Human Mut 15, 7-12; <http://www.dmd.nl/mutnomen.html#DNA>).

Table 3. The origins, nucleotide changes and allele frequencies of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2 observed in the Coriell Diversity set (CDS), European Americans, and African-Americans.

SNP	Origin ^a	Nucleotide Change ^b	Allele Frequency				
			c	d	CDS	Ctris Cases	African-Americans
CYP17							
SNP18	Novel (C+C)	-1488C> <u>G</u>	B	I	.26	NA ^e	NA
SNP19	Novel (C+C)	-1204C> <u>T</u>	B	I	.10	NA	NA
SNP29	dbSNP / HGVPbase (-)	-34T> <u>C</u>	1,2,3	II	.44	.40	.38
SNP30	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (-)	C22W (66C> <u>G</u>)	B	I	-	NA	NA
SNP31	GeneSNPs / dbSNP / HGVPbase (-)	H46H (138C> <u>T</u>)	B	I	.43	.43	.41
SNP32	GeneSNPs / dbSNP / HGVPbase (-)	S65S (195G> <u>T</u>)	B	I	.46	.44	.33
SNP4	Novel (C+C)	IVS1 +426G> <u>A</u>	1	II	.27	.40	.39
SNP20	Novel (C+C)	IVS1 +466G> <u>A</u>	4	II	.06	.03	.01
SNP8	Novel (C+C)	IVS1 -700C> <u>G</u>	B	I	.19	.14	.15
SNP26	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (+<)	IVS1 -679C> <u>T</u>	D	I	.06	.02	.04
SNP11	Novel (CDS)	IVS1 -565G> <u>A</u>	A	I	.04	-	.02
SNP1	Novel (C+C)	IVS1 -271A> <u>C</u>	A	I	.44	.46	.21
SNP6	Novel (C+C)	IVS1 -99C> <u>T</u>	2	II	.38	.29	.11
SNP23	HGMID (*)	S106P (316T> <u>C</u>)	A	I	-	-	.15
SNP25	HGMID (*)	IVS2 +5G> <u>T</u>	A	I	-	-	.43
SNP7	dbSNP (R)	IVS2 +105A> <u>C</u>	1	II	.46	.40	.04
SNP22	dbSNP (+ <)	IVS2 -83C> <u>T</u>	1	II	.04	.002	.0008
SNP24	HGMID (+ <)	E194X (580G> <u>T</u>)	D	I	-	-	.09
SNP5	dbSNP (R)	IVS3 +35T> <u>C</u>	1	II	.29	.28	.13
SNP12	Novel (C+C)	IVS3 +141A> <u>T</u>	D	I	.04	.04	.06
SNP21	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (*)	D283D (849C> <u>T</u>)	A	I	.06	.16	.20
SNP3	Novel (C+C)	IVS5 +75C> <u>G</u>	1	II	.33	.40	.39
SNP33	HGMID (-)	IVS7 +5G> <u>A</u>	D	I	-	.02	.23
SNP34	HGMID (*)	F417C (1250T> <u>G</u>)	A	I	-	-	-

SNP31	Novel (CDS)	IVS12 +646C>A	-	-	.27
SNP28	Novel (C+C)	IVS12 -473T>G	-	.24	.53
SNP24	Novel (C+C)	stop + 7666delT; T>G	.01	.52	.53
SNP6	Novel (CAP)	stop +945A>T	-	-	-
SNP25	Novel (CDS)	stop + 1454C>T	.08	.006	.28
SNP5	Novel (C+C)	stop + 1639A>T	.14	.13	.62
SNP15	Novel (C+C)	stop + 2204G>C	.11	.11	.20
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SNP17	GeneSNPs (R)	-8029C>T	.02	.02	.23
SNP18	GeneSNPs (*)	-7819G>C	.08	.003	.28
SNP26	GeneSNPs (+)	-3001G>A	.33	.006	.61
SNP28	GeneSNPs (*)	-2851A>T	.11	.17	.61
SNP31	GeneSNPs (C+C)	-2036(A)7-8,A>T	.11	.13	.24
SNP5	GeneSNPs (R)	-1971G>A	.11	.11	.24
SNP30	Novel (CAP)	-870G>A	.01	.02	.01
SNP21	HGMD (*)	G34R (100G>A)	.33	.46	.37
SNP22	GeneSNPs / dbSNP / HGvbase (-)	A49T (145G>A)	.30	.30	.39
SNP20	GeneSNPs / dbSNP / HGvbase (-)	V89L (265G>C)	.13	.29	.32
SNP23	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (-)	IVS1 +15C>T	.13	.29	.34
SNP11	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (-)	IVS1 +24664G>T	.11	.NA	.NA
SNP12	GeneSNPs / dbSNP (-)	IVS2 +626C>T	.12	.48	.22
SNP7	HGMD (*)	IVS2 +626C>T	.12	.41	.27
SNP8	HGMD (*)	G183S (547G>A)	.11	.04	.01
SNP9	HGMD (*)	N193S (578A>G)	.11	.04	.01
SNP10	HGMD (*)	P212R (635C>G)	.11	.02	.005
SNP32	Novel (CAP)	IVS4 +1G>T	.11	.12	.16
SNP4	Novel (C+C)	stop +545T>C	.11	.006	.009
SNP2	Novel (C+C)	stop +849A>G	.11	.12	.19
SNP1	GeneSNPs (R)	stop +1356A>C	.11	.12	.23
SNP13	GeneSNPs (+)	stop +1552G>A	.11	.09	.13
SNP14	GeneSNPs (-)	stop +3059G>A	.11	.02	.05

SNP15	GeneSNPs (-)	stop +9301G> <u>C</u>	1	II	.46	.26	.27	.21	.23
SNP16	GeneSNPs (-)	stop +9502C> <u>T</u>	D	I	-	.006	-	-	-

^a Explanations: (-), SNP did not show up in our study population; (R), rediscovered; (+), we had sequence coverage but did not rediscover the SNP; (+ <), we had sequence coverage but did not rediscover the SNP, most likely due to the low minor allele frequency; (-), we did not have sequence coverage explaining why we did not rediscover the SNP; (CDS), novel SNP discovered originally in the Coriell Diversity Set; (CAP), novel SNP discovered originally in the prostate cancer sibships; (C+C), novel SNP discovered originally in both populations

^b Underlined bases indicate the allele for which frequencies are given

^c Excluded from haplotyping in Phase I and from consideration for Phase II based on (A) being monoallelic in the prostate cancer sibships, (B) yielding ambiguous genotyping results, (C) low success rate, (D) allele frequency <5%. Included in Phase II association analyses based on (1) being a haplotype tagging SNP, (2) case-control difference in Phase I, (3) previous publications supporting association, (4) SNP conveniently located within the same PCR fragment as another included SNP

^d I, allele frequencies based on 276 samples; II, allele frequencies based on 1117 samples

^e NA, data not available

Table 4A. All non-stratified association results between CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2 variants and risk of prostate cancer among cases and sibling controls^a

Genes	Genotype Comparison ^b	All Subjects (n=886...920)		European Americans (n=781...834)		African-Americans (n=74...76)	
		OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value
CYP17							
SNP29	CC or TC vs. TT	0.91 (0.65-1.29)	0.61	0.86 (0.59-1.25)	0.42	1.96 (0.72-5.31)	0.19
SNP4	AA or GA vs. GG	0.88 (0.62-1.25)	0.47	0.82 (0.56-1.19)	0.30	1.96 (0.72-5.31)	0.19
SNP20	AA or GA vs. GG	0.57 (0.25-1.31)	0.19	0.52 (0.21-1.28)	0.15	1.87 (0.55-6.35)	0.31
SNP6	TT or CT vs. CC	0.90 (0.64-1.27)	0.56	0.81 (0.57-1.17)	0.27	2.38 (0.71-7.92)	0.16
SNP7	CC or AC vs. AA	0.84 (0.59-1.19)	0.33	0.77 (0.53-1.11)	0.16	2.00 (0.59-6.72)	0.27
SNP22	TT or CT vs. CC	1.99 (0.67-5.86)	0.21	NA ^c	NA	1.69 (0.43-6.68)	0.45
SNP3	GG or CG vs. CC	0.90 (0.63-1.27)	0.54	0.81 (0.56-1.19)	0.28	2.23 (0.76-6.54)	0.14
CYP3A4							
SNP47	TT or CT vs. CC	0.59 (0.31-1.09)	0.09	0.60 (0.29-1.23)	0.16	0.56 (0.17-1.86)	0.34
SNP12	GG or CG vs. CC	1.51 (0.92-2.50)	0.11	1.44 (0.86-2.38)	0.16	NA	NA
SNP11	GG or AG vs. AA	0.76 (0.43-1.36)	0.36	0.83 (0.41-1.66)	0.59	0.61 (0.23-1.63)	0.32
SNP1	GG or TG vs. TT	0.53 (0.29-0.99)	0.05	0.57 (0.28-1.18)	0.13	0.44 (0.13-1.57)	0.21
SNP13	TT or CT vs. CC	0.79 (0.51-1.22)	0.29	0.71 (0.45-1.12)	0.14	2.33 (0.42-12.84)	0.33
SNP24	GG or TG vs. TT	0.95 (0.62-1.44)	0.79	0.88 (0.56-1.36)	0.56	1.81 (0.45-7.25)	0.40
SNP25	TT or CT vs. CC	1.59 (0.58-4.39)	0.37	NA	NA	1.21 (0.37-3.98)	0.75
SNP5	TT or AT vs. AA	0.86 (0.56-1.31)	0.47	0.74 (0.48-1.15)	0.19	4.48 (0.67-30.07)	0.12
SNP15	CC or GC vs. GG	0.69 (0.46-1.05)	0.09	0.68 (0.44-1.05)	0.08	0.82 (0.22-3.03)	0.77
SRD5A2							
SNP17	TT or CT vs. CC	0.87 (0.58-1.29)	0.48	0.93 (0.61-1.41)	0.74	0.21 (0.04-1.12)	0.07
SNP26	AA or GA vs. GG	1.57 (1.08-2.30)	0.02	1.59 (1.08-2.34)	0.02	1.00 (0.19-5.31)	1.00
SNP22	AA or GA vs. GG	0.84 (0.38-1.85)	0.66	0.90 (0.40-2.02)	0.79	NA	NA
SNP20	CC or GC vs. GG	1.56 (1.08-2.25)	0.02	1.47 (1.00-2.16)	0.05	2.29 (0.81-6.50)	0.12

SNP12	TT or CT vs. CC	1.00 (0.69-1.46)	0.98	0.98 (0.67-1.44)	0.94	0.94 (0.18-4.97)	0.94
SNP1	AA or GA vs. GG	0.81 (0.53-1.24)	0.33	0.83 (0.53-1.31)	0.43	1.20 (0.23-6.21)	0.83
SNP13	AA or GA vs. GG	0.94 (0.61-1.47)	0.80	0.98 (0.61-1.55)	0.92	1.64 (0.25-10.54)	0.61
SNP15	CC or GC vs. GG	1.14 (0.79-1.63)	0.49	1.14 (0.79-1.65)	0.49	0.77 (0.15-3.94)	0.75

a From conditional logistic regression, with matching on family, and a variance estimator that incorporates sibling correlations.

b All results are from dominant models that compare homozygous and heterozygous carriers of variant versus the homozygous wildtype (OR=1.0).

c NA, data not available

Table 4B. Statistically significant allele associations obtained from analysis stratified by aggressiveness^a

SNP	Stratification	All Subjects (n=443...465)		European Americans (n=394...418)		African-Americans (n=39)	
		OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value
CYP3A4							
SNP47	Low TNM and grade	0.19 (0.06-0.62)	0.006	0.07 (0.01-0.53)	0.10	0.66 (0.14-3.04)	0.59
SNP11	Low TNM and grade	0.20 (0.06-0.67)	0.009	0.08 (0.01-0.59)	0.13	0.66 (0.14-3.04)	0.59
SNP1	Low TNM and grade	0.21 (0.05-0.86)	0.03	0.16 (0.03-0.82)	0.03	0.65 (0.03-16.26)	0.80
SNP25	Low TNM and grade	6.54 (0.99-43.10)	0.05	NA ^b	NA	6.57 (1.26-34.17)	0.03
SNP5	Low TNM and grade	0.57 (0.30-1.10)	0.09	0.51 (0.26-0.99)	0.05	NA	NA
SNP15	Low TNM and grade	0.41 (0.22-0.79)	0.007	0.52 (0.27-1.01)	0.06	NA	NA
SRD5A2							
SNP1	Low TNM and grade	0.59 (0.32-1.10)	0.09	0.52 (0.27-1.00)	0.05	1.41 (0.18-10.79)	0.74

^a From conditional logistic regression, with matching on family, and a variance estimator that incorporates sibling correlation.^b NA, data not available

Table 5A. All non-stratified haplotype association results for CYP17, CYP3A4, and SRD5A2^a.

Haplotype	All Subjects (n=920)		European Americans (n=834)		African-Americans (n=76)	
	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value
CYP17						
Hap1	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0	-
Hap2	0.83 (0.61-1.12)	0.22	0.80 (0.58-1.10)	0.17	2.63 (0.45-15.33)	0.28
Hap3	1.07 (0.67-1.70)	0.78	1.09 (0.65-1.83)	0.74	1.41 (0.49-4.08)	0.52
Hap4	0.85 (0.56-1.31)	0.47	0.84 (0.51-1.40)	0.51	1.02 (0.43-2.42)	0.97
CYP3A4						
Hap1	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0	-
Hap2	1.25 (0.74-2.08)	0.41	1.16 (0.69-1.96)	0.57	NA ^b	NA
Hap3	1.20 (0.70-2.03)	0.51	1.07 (0.62-1.82)	0.82	3.34 (0.49-22.89)	0.22
Hap4	0.46 (0.21-1.01)	0.05	0.44 (0.20-0.96)	0.04	0.99 (0.06-16.37)	0.99
Hap5	1.08 (0.78-1.50)	0.66	1.05 (0.74-1.51)	0.77	1.86 (0.60-5.75)	0.28
SRD5A2						
Hap1	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0	-
Hap2	1.14 (0.82-1.60)	0.43	1.12 (0.80-1.58)	0.50	2.57 (0.43-15.52)	0.30
Hap3	0.76 (0.48-1.21)	0.25	0.81 (0.51-1.30)	0.39	NA	NA
Hap4	1.13 (0.72-1.77)	0.61	1.03 (0.64-1.66)	0.90	NA	NA
Hap5	1.59 (0.78-3.24)	0.20	1.58 (0.79-3.19)	0.20	NA	NA
Hap6	1.27 (0.60-2.68)	0.52	2.16 (0.87-5.37)	0.10	0.64 (0.10-4.00)	0.63
Hap7	0.74 (0.50-1.09)	0.13	0.80 (0.51-1.23)	0.30	1.11 (0.29-4.27)	0.88

^a From conditional logistic regression, with matching on family, and a variance estimator that incorporates sibling correlation.

^b NA, data not available

Table 5B. Statistically significant haplotype associations obtained from analysis stratified by high aggressiveness (i. e., high TNM stage or Gleason score) and low aggressiveness (i. e., low TNM stage and Gleason score).^a

Haplotype	Stratification	All Subjects (n=395...465)		European Americans (n=362...418)		African-Americans (n=33...39)	
		OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value
CYP3A4							
Hap4	Low TNM and grade	0.06 (0.008-0.50)	0.009	0.09 (0.01-0.68)	0.02	NA ^b	NA
SRD5A2							
Hap3	High TNM or grade	0.52 (0.29-0.91)	0.02	0.53 (0.30-0.95)	0.03	NA	NA

^a From conditional logistic regression, with matching on family, and a variance estimator that incorporates sibling correlation.

^b NA, data not available

Table 6. Annotation of CYP3A4, CYP17 and SRD5A2 genomic sequences

Gene	Annotation	Base pairs	Sub annotation	Base pairs
CYP3A4	5' region	1-10481		
	Exon 1	10482-10642		
			5' UTR	10482-10571
			Start codon	10572-10574
			Translated region	10572-10642
	Intron 1	10643-14574		
	Exon 2	14575-14668		
	Intron 2	14669-16579		
	Exon 3	16580-16632		
	Intron 3	16633-22072		
	Exon 4	22073-22172		
	Intron 4	22173-24526		
	Exon 5	24527-24640		
	Intron 5	24641-24905		
	Exon 6	24906-24994		
	Intron 6	24995-26259		
	Exon 7	26260-26408		
	Intron 7	26409-27502		
	Exon 8	27503-27630		
	Intron 8	27631-28314		
	Exon 9	28315-28381		
	Intron 9	28382-30736		
	Exon 10	30737-30897		
	Intron 10	30898-32482		
	Exon 11	32483-32709		
	Intron 11	32710-33768		
	Exon 12	33769-33931		
	Intron 12	33932-36520		
	Exon 13	36521-37073		
			Translated region	36521-36613
			Stop codon	36614-36616
			3' UTR	36617-37073
	3' region	37074-39071		

CYP17	5' region	1-9992		
	Exon 1	9993-10337		
			5' UTR	9993-10040
			Start codon	10041-10043
			Translated region	10041-10337
	Intron 1	10338-12009		
	Exon 2	12010-12148		
	Intron 2	12149-12387		
	Exon 3	12388-12617		
	Intron 3	12618-13279		
	Exon 4	13280-13366		
	Intron 4	13367-14193		
	Exon 5	14194-14409		
	Intron 5	14410-14721		
	Exon 6	14722-14891		
	Intron 6	14892-15790		
	Exon 7	15791-15894		
	Intron 7	15895-16416		
	Exon 8	16417-16872		
			Translated region	16417-16697
			Stop codon	16698-16700
			3' UTR	16701-16872
	3' region	16873-26865		
SRD5A2	5' region	1-9995		
	Exon 1	9996-10307		
			5' UTR	9996-10026
			Start codon	10027-10029
			Translated region	10027-10307
	Intron 1	10308-57160		
	Exon 2	57161-57324		
	Intron 2	57325-59454		
	Exon 3	59455-59556		
	Intron 3	59557-61469		
	Exon 4	61470-61620		
	Intron 4	61621-64664		
	Exon 5	64665-66344		
			Translated region	64665-64728
			Stop codon	64729-64731
			3' UTR	64732-66344
	3' region	66345-76341		